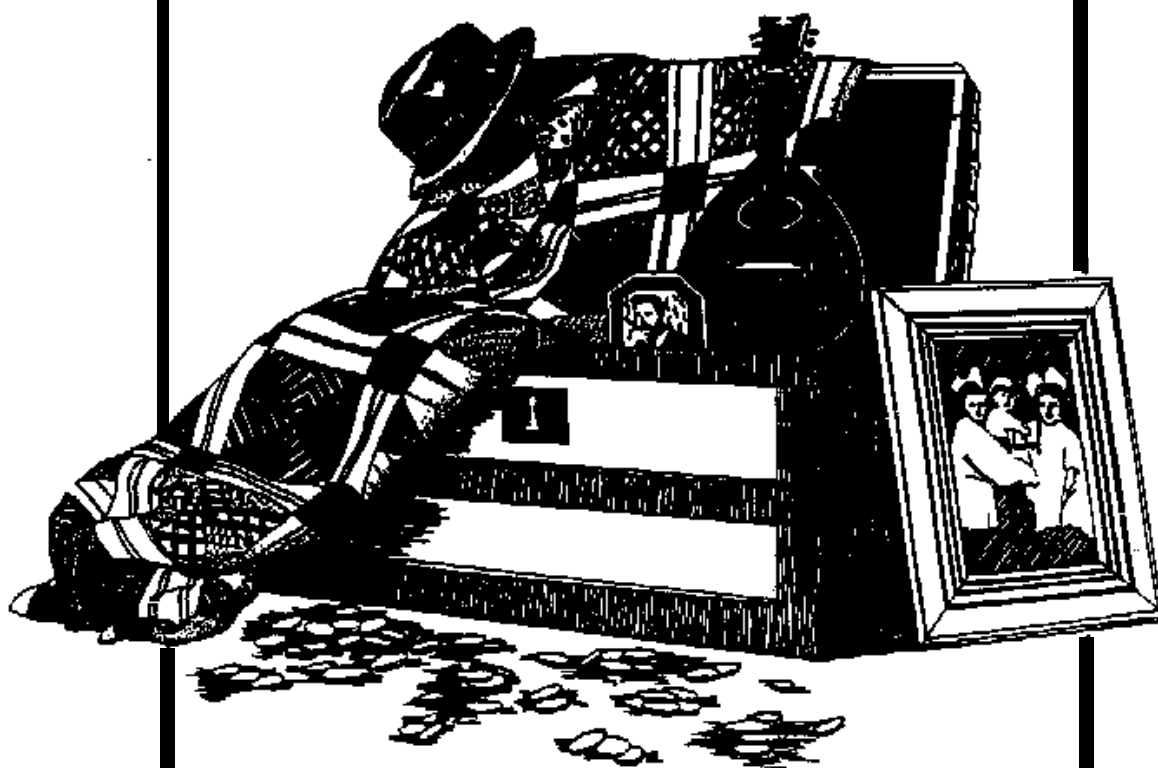


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All are welcome to attend.

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Prez Sez

At Ann Mohr Osisek's October program on *The Myths of Migration*, she explained that City Directories can be found for most cities in the U.S. During my own research, I had checked only in St. Louis, figuring that they didn't have City Directories for smaller towns. Why did I think that? I have no idea. However, in trying to establish a timeline (another thing that Ann said is important) for my paternal grandfather, Ora Hatfield, I thought that using City Directories might help me to determine when he was last in Madison County, Illinois. So now I'm on a quest to use City Directories to look for him. You can Google "City Directories" and the location you are researching and you might have success.

CFGs will be hosting a day-long seminar in the spring of 2018. THIS SEMINAR WILL BE FREE FOR ALL CFGS MEMBERS! We would like your input on instructors and topics. Please email us at cfigs@cfgs.org and tell us the topic or topics you're interested in learning about, and also let us know of a speaker you'd like to hear.

Elaine

Thoughts from your Editor

I'm slowly getting into this DNA analysis stuff - but freely admit that I don't understand much about it. So far, most of my effort is to try to get DNA samples from my few older relatives, hoping that, at some point, I can find an expert who can tell me what it all means. My ultimate goal would be to determine to which of the three distinct Stockton lines my husband's family belongs. We've definitely ruled out the rich and famous line of Richard Stockton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, but now we need to determine whether he belongs with Robert Stockton, the preacher of Tennessee and Kentucky, or Davis Stockton, the academic of Virginia. My other goal is to determine the father of my great grandfather, Frederick Kieser. German church records say that he was illegitimate; twelve years later, his mother had another son, John, who was almost definitely the result of a "non-paternal event". There are no males left who are descended from Frederick, but I did get a DNA sample from my brother, just before his death. I'm hoping to find descendants of John, in hopes they had the same father. So far, no results - but I have made contact with a few cousins that I already knew.

Betty Jo

Transferring DNA Results from One Company to Another

In many instances, you can get the advantage of additional matches by uploading your autosomal DNA results to other companies or independent sites. Blaine Bettinger, in his DNA eXplained - Genetic Genealogy blog has a great chart laying out which companies accept transfers and which don't. The site is:

<https://dna-explained.com/2017/04/11/autosomal-dna-transfers-which-companies-accept-which-tests/>.

Based on his chart: FamilyTree DNA accepts 23 & Me, Ancestry and My Heritage. My Heritage accepts 23 & Me, Ancestry and FamilyTree DNA. Ancestry and 23 & Me do not accept transfers. GedMatch does not conduct testing, but accepts transfers from all vendors, allowing a much larger "pool" in which to find matches. Each site has good instructions as to procedure (even I figured it out). It's fairly easy to transfer the data, so why not make the most of the expanded opportunity for matches?

Saving Document Images from Ancestry.com

by Phil Brandenburg as told to Elaine Powell

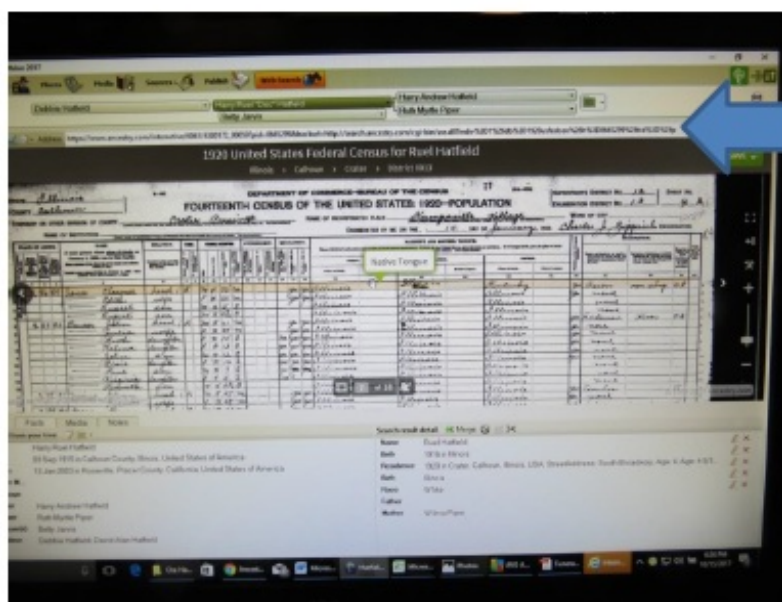
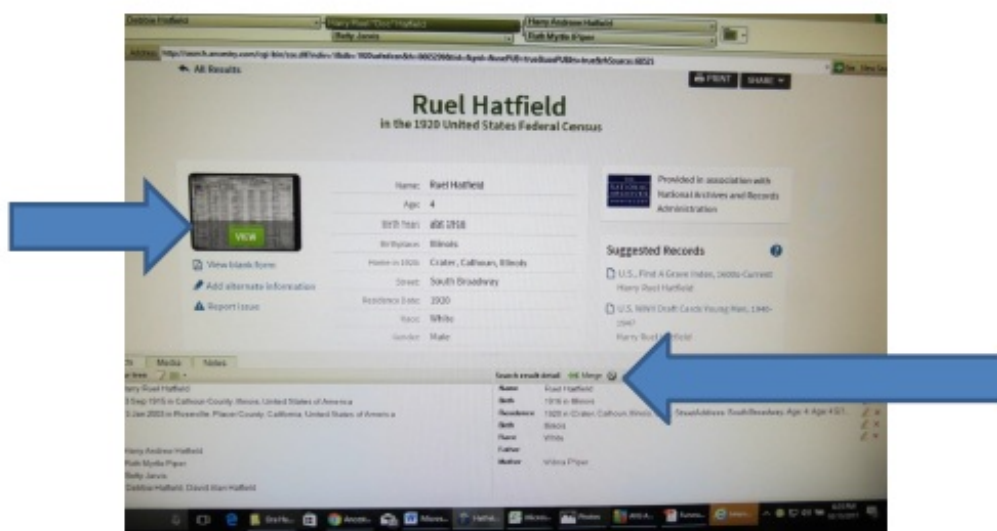
Elaine's note: *It's the interface between FTM and Ancestry that is the problem. You have to go through all those "hoops" IF you are IN the FTM program and go to Ancestry.com from within the program in order for the IMAGE to show up within your Ancestry.com tree once your subscription to Ancestry lapses. If you just search from Ancestry.com you can just save it; however, you can no longer right click an image and have it save the image correctly. You must go to the crossed tools in order to save.*

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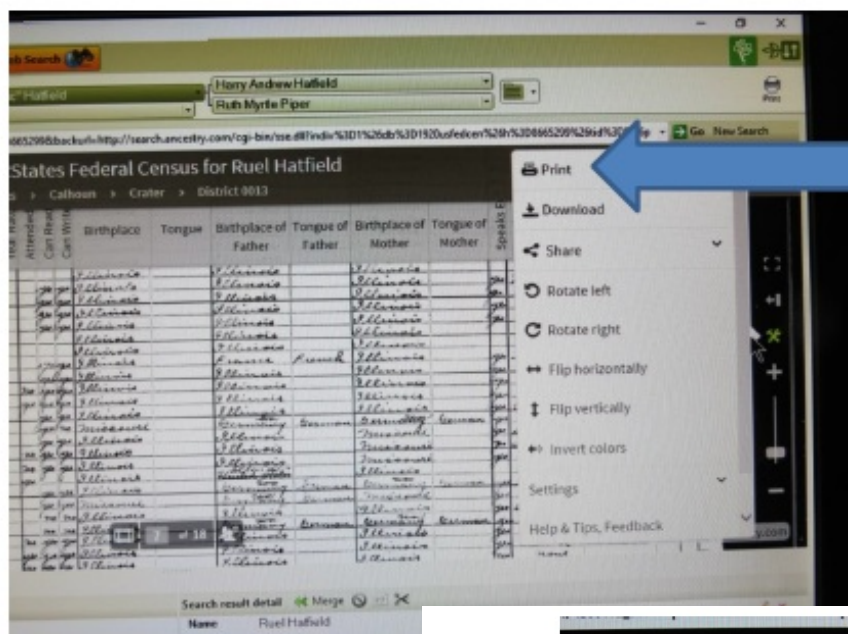
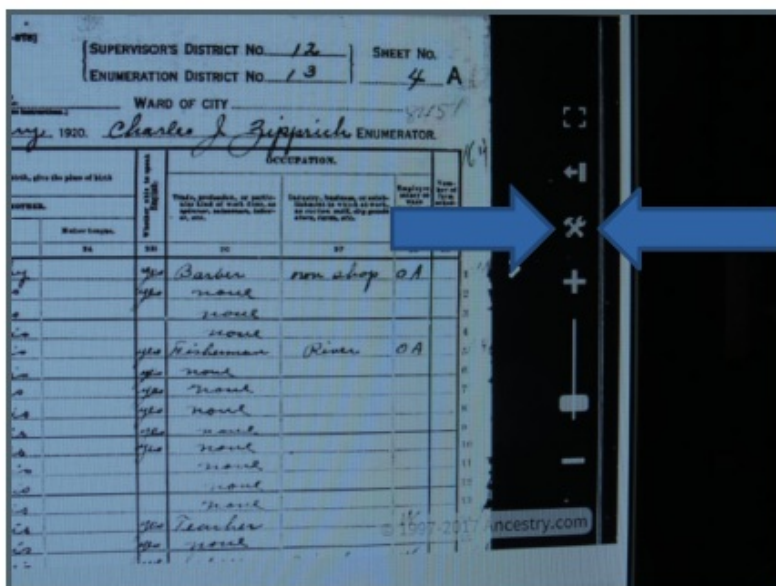
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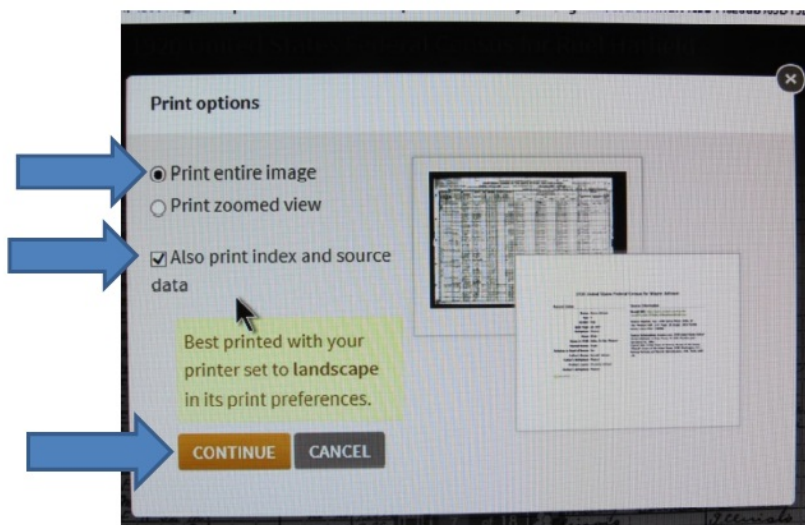


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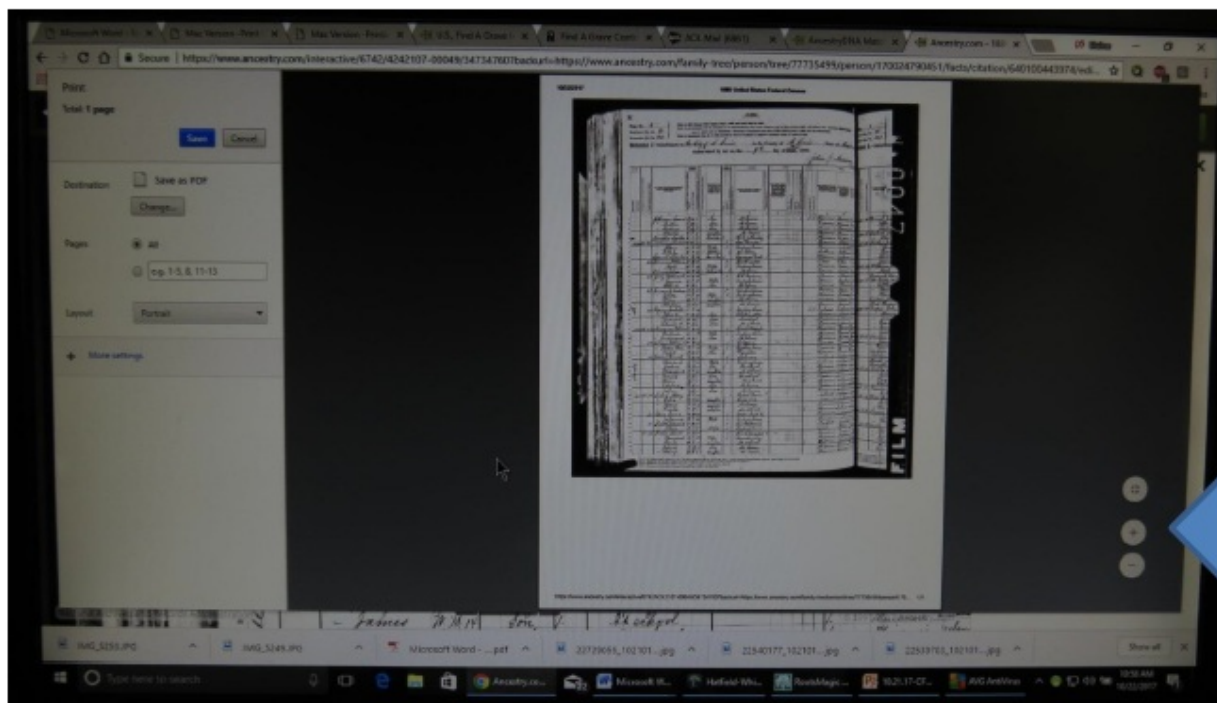


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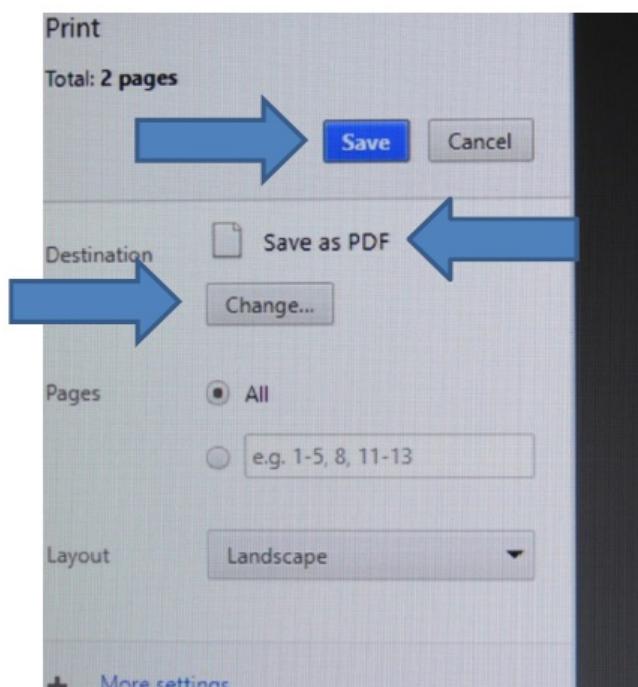
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Mexico 1912 – 1913: a personal account written by Herman O. Weiss in 1955

submitted by Sharon WEISS

I left Brazil in October 1911, landed in New York in November and was married in December. (Herman married Susie Belle HADFIELD on December 4, 1911 in New York City).

I left New York in May 1912 for Indianapolis, Indiana where I spent several days, then to St. Louis, Missouri and then to Monterey, Mexico, crossing the border at Laredo, Texas. I spent the night in Monterey and then left for Tampico, where I spent several months.

I returned to New York in August and left the same month with Mrs. WEISS on a Ward Line Steamer for Vera Cruz, Mexico as I was on my way to make a preliminary railroad survey in the State of Tabasco for the North American Dredging Company. On board ship, the dining room tables seated seven persons and all of us at our table became well acquainted by the time we arrived at Havana. We went ashore together in groups at Havana and again at Vera Cruz. One of our new found friends was a young Mexican girl whose brother Dr. Antonio OROZCO resided in Mexico City.

Dr. OROZCO came from a large family living in the country. His father was rich in lands but lived in an adobe ranch house with dirt floors and slept in a hammock, as was the custom of the country. Tony, as we all called him, wanted to study medicine but his father would not finance his schooling. So he ran away barefooted (he had never worn a pair of shoes until he first left Mexico) to Vera Cruz, stowed aboard the first ship available and landed in Boston, Massachusetts. Unable to register for a preliminary course because he could not speak English, he hired out as a farm hand for his keep and whatever clothing the farmer wished to give him, in order to gain a working knowledge of English. He finally was able to attend Boston University, graduated from medical school in 1911, married a graduate nurse he had met while a student and returned to Mexico with his wife and her widowed mother.

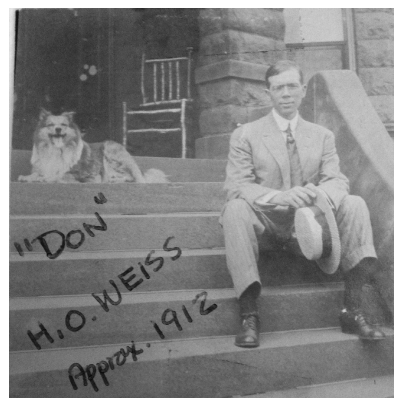
When we arrived at Mexico City, we stopped at the New Porter's Hotel and at Miss Orozco's invitation, visited Dr. OROZCO and his family in their apartment the next day. We were glad to accept their invitation for Mrs. Weiss to share their apartment with them as my wife was expecting.

After spending two days in preparation, I left Mrs. WEISS behind, returned to Vera Cruz and sailed in a Mexican Coastal Steamer for Fronteras, Tabasco to make a preliminary survey for the proposed Rio Seco Railroad.

The State of Tabasco has not a single mile of railroad and its principal products are chicle gum, sugar and bananas. I ran a line from the port works then under construction at Fronteras, along the Gulf of Mexico and up a dry river valley that at one time was the Rio Seco, then to the state line of Chiapas, and a connecting line from a point opposite San Juan Bautista, the capital of the State of Tabasco to this city on the back of the Rio Grijalva.

I had Gonzalo GRAHAM, a Mexican civil engineer, (English father and Mexican mother) as my assistant, PANCHITO, our Chinese cook, and about 20 peons to assist in the work and maintain and move camp. We moved camp by ox carts with wheels about 8 inches in diameter, which we secured from nearby sugar estates, over roads that were neither drained nor hard surfaced.

One night while in camp on a high bank of the Rio Grijalva, I shot an alligator in the river by moonlight with one shot from my Colt .44 revolver. The natives thought I was sure an expert



marksman, not knowing that this probably happened as much by chance as by good marksmanship.

I made the survey by stadia and it took me three months. At San Juan Bautista, my Mexican assistant arranged for my presentation to the Governor of the State. I returned to Mexico City leaving Gonzalo Graham in San Juan Bautista to make the map, which with my field notes I later filed with the Mexican government at Mexico City in accordance with the terms of the concession.

During this time, the port of Vera Cruz was captured by the revolutionary forces, thus cutting off my only route back to Mexico City. However, the port of Vera Cruz was recaptured by the loyal Government troops in time for me to return.

When I arrived at Mexico City, I found Warren Hadfield WEISS (born 29 Nov 1912), awaiting me. We lived at the house of Dr. Antonio OROZCO. I spent several weeks in beautiful Mexico City, visiting the parks and Chapultepec Castle with my wife and Warren, using a collapsible baby carriage that we could fold up and take on the streetcars with us. We attended the bullfights in the large reinforced concrete arena on Sundays with Dr. Orozco

On the night of February 8, 1913, I left Mexico City with my family for Salina Cruz on the west coast on a harbor improvement job. At 3 a.m. the next morning, a revolt broke out in Mexico City under the leadership of Felix DIAZ and General REYES. During the street fighting, the house in which we lived happened to be in the line of fire and was demolished. The Orozco family had fled in the early morning.

Francesco MADERO and his Vice President, Pino SUAREZ, were arrested and forced to resign. Four days later, they were murdered while being transferred from one prison to another. However, the Mexican records will show that they were killed while attempting to escape. It is an old South American custom to cover the liquidation of undesirable politicians and sometimes others by the simple statement "shot and killed while attempting to escape".

HUERTA assumed the Provisional Presidency. Later, perhaps to head off an inquiry, the Captain of the Guard, who had custody of Madero and Suarez while they were being transferred, was accidentally shot and killed.

An American electrician by the name of Weiss, while watching the street fighting with a companion from the roof of the New Porter's Hotel, was shot and killed. All of the above and the fact that I could not be located led to the report in the dispatches to the U. S. newspapers that I had been shot and killed on the roof of the New Porters Hotel while watching the fighting.

The *Washington Times* ran my picture and story on the first page. It was not until the receipt of a letter from me about ten days later that the Weiss' in Washington, DC knew that "the report of my death had been greatly exaggerated".

All unaware that I had been killed, I continued my journey to Salina Cruz.

Salina Cruz, Oaxaca, is a seaport on the Pacific Ocean consisting of a small bay and sand dunes backed by mountains. The principal point of interest is the concrete walkway, 15 or 20 feet wide, on top of the breakwater almost straight out to sea. That was our Sunday walk with Warren in the collapsible baby carriage. The cool breeze was quite a change from the sun-baked sand dunes ashore. The breakwater was constructed of one cubic meter concrete blocks, dropped into the sea, the finished concrete wall or roadway starting just above the water line. Sand storms did not happen often and they are all that it is said they are.

We left Salina Cruz in May by the Isthmus of Tehuantepec Railroad to Puerto Mexico on the Gulf of Mexico and then by Ward Line Steamer to New York.

Articles in Washington, DC papers about H. O. Weiss.

CONSULAR BUREAU SEARCHES FOR WEISS

**Local Friends of Man Reported
Killed in Mexico City Are
Anxious.**

Frantic over the report that he has been killed, friends of Herman Weiss, of Washington and New York, have caused the Consular Bureau of the State Department to begin a determined search for him. Weiss was reported killed Wednesday. His first name was not given in the unofficial dispatch, and, despite the fact that a telegram, on the anxious request of friends, was at once sent to Mexico City for verification of the tragedy, no word has been received. He was last heard from when in Mexico City. The troubled inquiries have met with no reply, and the uncertainty following the complete silence that has greeted the telegrams has made Weiss' friends even more apprehensive.

Mr. Weiss, with his wife, who was a Miss Hatfield, of Chicago, were in Mexico City, when last heard from.

In the letter last received from her son, Mrs. Conrad Weiss, of 817 East Capitol street, was told that she need not be apprehensive about his condition because the news in regard to the rebellion was frequently garbled and made to appear that conditions were much worse than they really were.

Mr. Weiss is a civil engineer in the employ of a railroad company which is building a line between Tampico and Mexico City.

Washington Times, 14 Feb 1913, p. 1

HIT AS HE VIEWED BATTLE

**H. O. Weiss, of Washington and New
York, Wounded by Bullet.**

**Sickening Sight, Says British Refugee,
as Rebel Machine Guns Slaughtered
Rurales.**

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 17.—A story of the wounding of Herman O. Weiss, a civil engineer of New York and Washington, during the fighting at Mexico City was told by J. B. Gibson, of Vancouver, British Columbia, who arrived here today direct from Mexico City.

Mr. Gibson said that Weiss, with Sidney Sutherland, a newspaper man, who also was wounded about the same time; D. E. Hamer, and another American whom Mr. Gibson did not know, were viewing Tuesday's battle from the roof of a hotel. Weiss was struck by a bullet at the knee, the ball coming out at the hip, but not touching the bone.

"I saw a force of about 100 rurales charge a rebel position Tuesday morning, and when Diaz turned his machine guns and cannon on them it was sickening. A few may have escaped, but the greater number were struck several times. I was informed by a foreign diplomat Tuesday that Madero's loss was more than 1,000 killed and wounded.

"While there is no police protection, there is very little disorder among the lower element."

Washington Post 18 Feb 1913, p. 2

Capital Boy Safe In Mexican Revolt

Relatives of Herman O. Weiss, the young soldier of fortune and civil engineer, who was reported to have met death in battle in Mexico City last week, were gladdened today by a letter telling of the escape of the young Washingtonian from the city just prior to the commencement of the hostilities.

The escape of Weiss, who has been employed by a large corporation in Mexico for some months is told in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Conrad Weiss, of 814 East Capitol street. The letter is written from Salina Cruz and states that the young soldier of fortune is safe and in good health.

Weiss left Mexico City on the last train out of the stricken place the night previous to the beginning of the battle, according to the letter sent his mother. While a resident of the city he described he resided within a stone's throw of the arsenal in which the rebels took up their stronghold. The letter contained an appeal for some clothing which the young engineer left at his home in this city. Although he makes no mention of losing his clothing, it is thought that he has lost nearly everything he had in Mexico City.

Weiss is a graduate of Eastern High School. He is about thirty-one years old and has been in Spanish-American countries ever since he graduated from an engineering school in Illinois. He spent five years in the employ of the company which built the narrow-gauge railway through the jungles of Brazil.

Washington Times, 24 Feb 1913, p. 2

RELATIVES OF WEISS LEARN OF HIS SAFETY

Herman O. Weiss, a civil engineer in Mexico, whose kinsmen living in East Capitol Street in Washington had been much alarmed for his safety, has been reported safe in Salina Cruz, on the Pacific Coast of Mexico. None of his relatives, however, has yet been able to communicate with him, either directly or through the State Department.

It was feared that Weiss, with his wife and child, had been killed, but dispatches received yesterday indicated that they are safe.

Washington Herald 20 Feb 1913, p. 3

Note: Herman Otto WEISS was my husband's paternal grandfather. Herman was born 20 Mar 1878 in Washington DC to Konrad and Marie Louise Wilhemine (GOTTSCHLING) WEISS. He was a Civil Engineer by profession. Herman married Susie Belle HADFIELD (1882-1917) in New York City on 4 Dec 1911. Their son, Warren Hadfield WEISS, was born 29 Nov 1912 in Mexico City. Herman died 16 Dec 1959 in St. Petersburg, FL.

Interesting Story of Old Fort Gatlin

April 29, 1914 - *The Morning Sentinel*, page 3

It seems to me appropriate on such an occasion as this that we turn back a few pages in the book of time and pay tribute to some of the early settlers of this immediate section and the work done by them.

During the Seminole Indian war in the years 1835 to 1838, the government established four forts in the territory which, in the organization of the state, became Orange County, a region extending from Astor on the St. John's river on the north to Lake Okeechobee on the south, a region embracing a large portion of the present county of Lake and all of Seminole, Orange and Osceola. One of these was Fort Mellon, located on the south shore of Lake Monroe and just east of the thriving city of Sanford. Three or four miles inland in a southerly direction, was Fort Reed. Eighteen or twenty miles further south and within half a mile of the spot where we are now gathered, was Fort Gatlin, while some seventy miles further to the south was Fort Drum.

It was at these posts that bodies of troops were stationed, maintained and sent out against the Seminoles, as occasion demanded.

We, of this locality, are interested in the third of these posts - Fort Gatlin.

It is for this old fort that Lake Gatlin was named, and Fort Gatlin and Lake Gatlin have transmitted the same to the adjacent region. From a strategic standpoint the site of the fort was admirably selected. The spot was well drained and healthful. It had abundant cover, plenty of wood and the purest of water. Lying in a triangle of three lakes with but three narrow approaches by land, a picket guard of five men could easily prevent a surprise by the Indians, no matter how cunningly devised or however determined the attacking force.

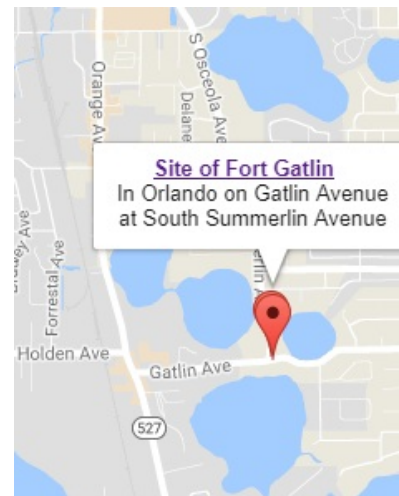
A few people, somewhat nomadic in their habits, found their way into the Florida peninsula, after the subjugation of the Indians. Later on came families who made their homes in the wilds and became permanent settlers. But the number was small until after the close of the civil war,

which found so many of the southern people practically ruined financially and compelled by the prevailing conditions to seek new fields and begin life anew. Among those who migrated to this section were four who located near the old fort, and who became identified with the history of this immediate region.

Major Francis EPPES, a grandson of Thomas JEFFERSON, selected for his new home the frond [sic] now owned by Mr. Frint, lying at the west end of Lake Iddlewild, or Pinelock, where he died in 1881. [Ed. note: earlier in his career, Eppes



1844 survey of Orange County, depicting site of Fort Gatlin. Image from Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records.



The site of Fort Gatlin is about 2 miles south of Orlando and just east of Orange Avenue.



was instrumental in founding the West Florida Seminary in Tallahassee, which eventually became Florida State University.]

A beautiful situation on the western shore of Lake Conway, just north of Pinecastle, was selected by Major W. B. RANDOLPH, who in addition to his home tract, secured a title to the site of Fort Gatlin and adjacent lands. Just south of the old fort, at the extreme eastern point of Lake Jessie Jewel, he erected and operated a saw mill, possibly the first of its kind in all this region. He had been a man of liberal means and at the time was owner of valuable gas stock in the city of New Orleans.

Col. Benjamin F. WHITNER, civil engineer and land surveyor, selected what, for many years, was known as "Whitner's Point" - that tract lying to the east of Lake Gatlin - and between that lake and Lake Conway. Near the spot where Miss SAFFORDS bungalow now stands he built himself a house and lived for many years. He afterward removed to Fort Reed, where he died in 1882. Being a surveyor, he located most of the land lines in the Gatlin-Conway section, and gave names to many of the lakes, most of which are still retained. The little lake lying just east of the old fort was known as a "Little Gem," which it really is. Col. Whitner christened it "Gem Mary," after some member of his family and by this name it was known until some two years ago, when the name Deep Lake was applied to it. It is still known as Gem Mary by the older residents. It seems to me that those old names, as adopted by the early pioneers, and as they appeared on the early maps, might be appropriately retained and perpetuated. Some of them mean much to the descendants of the old timers.

The fourth member of that early quartette was Major O. P. PRESTON, who made his home on the west side of Lake Jeanie Jewel, where his son, F. H. PRESTON, still lives. He had been a surgeon, with the rank of Major in the Confederate army and was a skillful physician, as well as surgeon. Up to the time when the final summons come to him he was one of the region's most useful and best loved citizens and was ready to respond to any call where a doctor was needed, day or night, near or remote, making his calls on horseback - the only means of transportation through an almost trackless wilderness, often sleeping in his saddle as he rode from house to house.

These four old pioneers were all gentlemen of culture, refinement and prominence. They were men of affairs, who, if living today, with the larger population, greater development and progress throughout the state, would be counted among the wise leaders of the people. It was an honor to be numbered among their friends. That they selected for their new homes a region of beauty and great promise, we must concede without reservation. I wish they were alive and with us today to see the fruition of their early dreams.

We, who have come later, are called upon to endure some of the hardships and discomforts encountered by those first settlers. They blazed the trail. It is for us to follow it; to open up the highways, set the milestones and the guide boards, plant shade trees among the roads and lanes under which those who come after us may rest and call us blessed. Let us constitute ourselves, each a committee of one, to improve and beautify our several buildings in this lake park region, which we call "ours," until it shall become the most beautiful, most attractive and the finest section of all this fair state of Florida, beautiful garden spot that will attract the human bees and the human butterflies of the host that annually visit Florida and induce them to cast their lots with us and help on the good work, so that in the years to come, our successors can honestly pay to us such tribute as I have honestly tried to pay to the quartette whose names I have mentioned.

Digital Chancery Records from Virginia Memory / Library of Virginia

by Betty Jo STOCKTON

The Chancery Records Index (CRI) is a result of archival processing and indexing projects overseen by the Library of Virginia (LVA) and funded, in part, by the Virginia Circuit Court Records Preservation Program (CCRP). Each of Virginia's circuit courts created chancery records that contain considerable historical and genealogical information. Because the records rely so heavily on testimony from witnesses, they offer a unique glimpse into the lives of Virginians from the early 18th century through the First World War.

There are over 246,000 cases indexed in the database and nearly 10 million images of chancery causes available online. These may be found at <http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/chancery/>

According to Black's Law Dictionary, a chancery cause is a case of equity where "Justice is administered according to fairness as contrasted with the strictly formulated rules of common law." In layman's terms, a chancery case was one that could not be readily decided by existing written laws. A judge, not a jury, determines the outcome of the case. These types of court documents are useful when researching genealogical information and land or estate divisions and may contain correspondence, lists of heirs, or vital statistics, among other items. Cases in chancery often address estate and business disputes, debt, the resolution of land disputes, and divorce.

A chancery case began with the bill of complaint, explaining the background of the action, followed by an answer from the parties being sued. Court appointed commissioners decided a fair and equitable settlement of the case based on the evidence presented and reported their findings to the court. The court's decision or final decree was the last step in the proceedings of a chancery case. Cases in chancery could be heard in any court.

There is a search engine to locate records easily by county, then plaintiff, defendant or surname¹.

There are a number of other record sets in the collection that would be useful for genealogical research - take a look for yourself.

I used this to locate the records of my 5th great grandfather, James MCGRAW, who was killed at the Battle of Waxhaws, SC (Bluford's Defeat) in 1780 during the American Revolution. His wife, Jemima, never received a pension and no records have been located about James MCGRAW. The following document was an attempt by his wife and children to obtain his pension and any other benefits to which they were entitled. The suit was brought by "Jemima MCGRAW, widow & relict of a certain James MCGRAW, decd, and the said Molly LEVIE [wife of Judah], Jno MCGRAW, Cowether MCGRAW, Isaac MCGRAW and Isaiah MCGRAW representatives by blood of the said James MCGRAW". According to the suit, the required documents had been entrusted to MCGRAW'S commander, Lt. BLACKWELL, for handling. The survivors never received any benefits and were alleging that Lt JOSEPH Blackwell had appropriated the certificates and/or payments for his own use.

This document provided several bits of new information. It listed all the children of the family by name. I had thought that Isaac and Isaiah MCGRAW were the same person with typical misspellings. They were listed here as two distinct individuals. Additionally, the papers sent to me by the Clerk of the Fauquier County Court did not include the "cover sheet" included in the digital version. This states that Joseph BLACKWELL never answered the summons and that the case was dismissed in July 1797. The document is not dated, but the summons for Joseph BLACKWELL was dated May 1796, so the case was obviously earlier than that date.

¹ Chancery Records Index. Virginia Court Clerks' Association, 10 Nov. 2017, www.virginiamemory.com/collections/chancery/.

To the most honorable Court of Fauquier County in Chancery
sitting, humbly complaining sheweth unto your
Worships your orators, Gemina M^cGrain, Judah Levie
and Molly Levie his wife, John M^cGrain Bowther M^cGrain
Isaac M^cGrain & Isaac M^cGrain, the said Molly M^cGrain
widow & relict of the said a certain James M^cGrain
decd. and the said Molly Levie, Ind. M^cGrain, Bowther
M^cGrain, Isaac M^cGrain and Isaac M^cGrain, Represent-
tives by blood, of the said James M^cGrain - That
the said James M^cGrain, Husband to the aff.
Gemina M^cGrain, and Father to the others
who with her, are mentioned as Complainants
in this Bill, enlisted some time in the during
the war between America and Great Britain
as a soldier in the American Service, agreeing
to the requisites terms of his service continued
to fight for his Country as a good and faithful
soldier untill some time in the year of
our Lord at an action, generally
designated by the name of Bluefords
defeat, he as a victim to British force was
torn from existence, and returned on what
was called the dead roll, that his Widow might
enjoy the emoluments prescribed by the
Virginia Legislature in an act passed in the year
of our Lord - allowing a certain
specifick pension to the Widows of those unfor-
tunate ^{persons} who fell in the American cause
while they were boldly contending for
their rights of Liberty. That the said M^cGrain
in his lifetime, was entitled to a certain sum
of money for his services as a soldier, and a
Certificate issued from
to Lieut. Blackwell for the sum of fifty five

Fauquier County, Virginia Chancery Court 1797-018. Plaintiff: Judah Levie & wife. Defendant: Joseph
Blackwell. Virginia Memory: Library of Virginia. <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/>. accessed 10 Nov 2017.

Transcription of Chancery Court record 1797-018; Fauquier County, VA Courthouse². [undated]

transcribed by Betty Jo STOCKTON

To the worshipful court of Fauquier County in Chancery siting?. ?Humbly?complaining & herewith unto your worships your orators Jemima MCGRAW, Judas LEVIE and Molly LEVIE, his wife, John MCGRAW, Cowether MCGRAW, Isaac MCGRAW & Isaiah MCGRAW. The said Molly MCGRAW, widow & relict of a certain James MCGRAW, decd, and the said Molly LEVIE, Jno MCGRAW, Cowether MCGRAW, Isaac MCGRAW and Isaiah MCGRAW representatives by blood of the said James MCGRAW. That the said James MCGRAW, husband to the afd Jemima MCGRAW and father to the others who with her are mentioned as complainants in this bill enlisted some time in the during the war between America and Great Britain as a soldier in the American Service of agreeably? to the requisites terms of his service continued to fight for his country and a good and faithful soldier until some time in the year of our Lord [blank space] at an action; generally designated by the name of Bluefords defeat. he as a victim to British force was torn from existence and returned on what was called the dead roll, that his widow might enjoy the emoluments prescrib'd by the Virga Legislature in an act passed in the year of our Lord [blank space] allowing a certain specifick pension to the widows of those unfortunate persons who fell while they were boldly contending for their rights of liberty. That the said MCGRAW in his lifetime was entitled to a certain sum of money for his services as a soldier, and a certificate issued from [blank space] to Lieut BLACKWELL for the sum of fifty five for the use & benefit of the said James MCGRAW.

And that a certificate was also issued and drawn by the said MCGRAW in proper person for 17.5.4. That at the time of the death of the said MCGRAW he had not dispos'd of either of these certificates and they afterwards came into the hands of Jemima MCGRAW one of the comples in the bill, widow to the said James MCGRAW and were by her plac's in the hands of a certain Joseph BLACKWELL (who your orators pray may be made deft in this bill) acting at that time as a ?thfs? of the county of Fauquier That your orators considere'd that the said BLACKWELL was accountable to them for this certificate as no administration had ever been legally granted on the estate of the said James MCGRAW, and not one representative more than another, had a right to dispose of any undivided part of that estate, which the Testator possessed as the time of his death. The Deft has, as your orators suppose, contracted the certificates afd to his benefit, & as certificates have for many years since been equal to gold & silver, pound for pound in their currency your orators consider that the deft has enjoy'd the emoluments from the sale of them & the suspicion of your orators is more strongly confirmed by the defts continual refusal to make them adequate compensation for the certificates which were plac' in his hands and your orators considers that the deft relies in some degree on the conversation which existed between Jemima MCGRAW and himself at the time when these cert were placed in his hands -- they further ____ that an agreement between the said Jemima and the Deft could effect an exoneration from his responsibility, for the delivery of the military certificates or the value thereof as no consent or agreement of Jemima MCGRAW could have divested those equally entitled to the estate of James MCGRAW of the benefits and privileges which that title bestowed on them.

All which acting and __ are contrary to equity and good conscience and tend to the great wrong and injury of your orators who are properly ?reliescable? in this court to the end therefore that the said Joseph BLACKWELL may true and perfect answer make, to all and singular the premiss as fully and particularly as if

² Fauquier County, Virginia Chancery Court 1797-018. Plaintiff: Judah Levie & wife. Defendant: Joseph Blackwell. Virginia Memory/Library of Virginia. <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/>. accessed 10 Nov 2017.

the were here again repeated and interrogated and particularly that he may set forth whether he did not receive the military certificates afd from Jemima MCGRAW one of the comples in this bill & of whom he receiv' them, to what amount, and for what use, and further how or in what manner he dispos' of them & on what terms he receivd & whether he had ever rendered compensation for the amt & use of them and that your orators may be further reliev'd in all and singular the premiss as the nature & circumstances of their case shall require and as to this worshipful Court shall think most proper; may it please your worships to grant unto your orators, the Commonwealth most gracious ____ of Spe commanding orators will ever pray.

Memorandum for Mr Judah LEVI to examine the auditors office for the amount of a certificate for James MCGRAW Decd. Killed at Beaufords defeat. Certificate Ishu'd for James MCGRAW to Lieut BLACKWELL was for L. 55.15. Certificate ish'u'd for James McGraw drawn for himself is 17.5.2.

Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Fauquier county. You are hereby commanded to summon Joseph BLACKWILL, Gent to appear before the Justices of the said County Couort of Fauquier at the Court House thereof, on the fourth Monday in this month to anwer the bill in Chancery in against him by Judas LEVI and wife and this he shall in no wife omit, under the penalty of 100 and have then there this writ. Witness Francis BROOKE, Clerk of said court, the the Courthouse aforesaid, the 12 day of May 1796 and in the 20th year of the Commonwealth. F. BROOKS [signature] 1797-018 County Court of Chancery, Fauquier Co, VA

No ANSWER

1797-018
County Court of Chancery
PLTF: LEVIE
DEFT: BLACKWELL
7/1797 Dismissed

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No ANSWER

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LEVIE, MCGRAW, BLACKWELL

7/1797 Dismissed

7/1797 Dismissed

Levie, Judas + wife Molly
McGraw, Jemima
McGraw, John
McGraw, Gourette
McGraw, Isaac
McGraw, Isaac
v
Blackwell, Joseph

Cover sheet - Fauquier County, Virginia Chancery Court, abt 1796

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Church Street, West of Railroad

Georgia House, Mrs. Mary F. CHRISTOPHER, prop'r
James EVERINGHAM, bookkeeper
J. M. CHEEVES, railroad engineer
C. FOSTER, tailor
T. D. MERNAUGH, grocer, s e cor Church & Gould
W. M. SLEMONS, merchant, ne cor Church & Gould
J. W. ANDERSON, railroad agent, n e cor Church & Gould
A. B. HOWLAND, merchant, n side, west of Gould
Mrs. E. T. CHILDS, boarders, s side, west of Gould
A. Y. FULLER, clerk
R. M. BENNETT, carpenter, s side, west of Gould
V. C. REEVES, merchant, s side, west of Gould
J. W. KELLER, merchant, n e cor Church & Hughey
[John] SINCLAIR, n e cor Church & Depoline
C. NUNGESSER, carpenter, s side, west of Hughey
G. C. CRITTENDEN, s. side, east of Division
Mrs. Florence VAN HORN, dressmaker, at Crittenden's
Mrs. C. A. JOHNSON, boarders, n e cor Church & Division
D. F. SAUL, cigar maker
E. F. FOX, bricklayer, s e cor Church & Division
N. H. BROWNE, clerk, s w cor, Church & Division
Mission Sunday school house, n w cor Church & Division
Rev. Robt BURNS, (col'd), n side, west of Division
Amy JONES, (col'd), cook, s side, west of Division
Koff WHITAKER, (col'd), laborer, s side, west of Division
Thomas BULLIN, (col'd) laborer, n side, west of Division
Richard BEATTY, (col'd) laborer, n side, west of Division
Hattie WARE, (col'd) boarders, n side, west of Division
Cato O'NEAL, (col'd) gardener, s side, east of Terry
E. B. BOX, (col'd) whitewasher, s side, east of Terry
W. WALKER, (col'd) laborer [Church St]
McIntosh CAIN, (col'd) laborer, n side, east of Terry
Mollie DOZIER, (col'd) cook, n e cor Church & Terry
C. A. CORTINO, fruit seller, s side, west of Terry
Eler GERARD, lather, s e cor Church & Copeland
Benjamin HOHENSTRASSE, watchmaker, s w cor Church & Copeland
Mrs. M. J. PETERS, s side, east of Parramore

Editor's note: some formatting has been changed to clarify data - abbreviation spelled out, etc.

J. R. PEEL, merchant, s w cor Chruch & Parramore
Miss Annie DRABBLE, milliner, with J. R. PEEL
H. W. MUNN, carpenter, s side, west of Parramore
Mrs SWARTOUT, n side, west of Parramore
L. J. DOLLINS, agent *RECORD*, n side, east of corporation line
John DOLLINS, gardener, n side, east of corporation line

Lime Street West of Railroad

George WRAY, piano tuner, west end Lime street
John FARR, orange grower, s side Lime, west end
Z. PHILLIPS, mechanic, Novelty Works, s side, Lime, west end
H. A. LUMSDEN, merchan's side, west of Parramore
W. B. SMITH, gardener, s side, west of Parramore
J. A. WELCH, shoemaker, n side, est of Parra more
R. DOWNEY, (col'd) laborer, n e cor Lime & Terry
Lucy SQUIRE, (col'd) washerwoman, s side, west of Division
Nellie WYLIE, (col'd) washerwoman, s side, west of Division
Jane DUNLOP, (col'd) washerwoman, s side, west of Division
Willis DEMPS, (col'd) laborer, s side, west of Division
Grace JACKSON, (col'd) cook, s side, west of Hughey
Sam CARPENTER, (col'd) laborer, s side, west of Hughes
E. J. HOLLAND, wagon maker, n w cor Lime & Hughes
B. C. HOLLAND, barber, n w cor Lime & Hughes
James MILLER, blacksmith, s w cor Lime & Hughes
W. H. SANDS, printer, s e cor Lime & Hughes
Wm. DEAN, engineer Novelty Works, n side, east of Hughes
Novelty Works, s w cor Lime & railroad

South Street, East

James DELANEY, merchant, s side, east of Main
Mrs. Anna COLEMAN, n w cor South & West
Mrs. McCULLOCK, nurse, n e cor, Smith & West
Miss A. A. GREEN, n w cor Pine & Division
J. E. LOWE, carpenter, s side, w of Division
R. H. WRIGHT, machinist, s side, w of Division

Church Street, East of Railroad

So Fla Railroad Pass. Depot, s e cor, Church & Gertrude
Southern Express office in depot, F. E. ROUMILLAT, agent
J. N. BUTT, druggist & physician, s side, e of depot
J. R. IRVINE, grocer, s side, e of depot
V. C. REEVES & Co, grocers, n e cor Church & Gertrude
H. R. JACKSON, (col'd) dyeing and repairing, n side e of railroad
Richard JACKSON, (col'd) restaurant, n side, e of railroad
Jo__ ALLEN, (col'd) liquors, n side e of railroad
[J. S.] PRICE, harness, n side e of railroad

[L.] SIMPSON, (col'd) barber, n side e of railroad
 Rosina CAPIELLO, fruit stand, n side e of railroad
 M. A. MARTINEZ, cigar factory No 161, n side e of railroad
 C. A. CORTINO, fruit stand, n side of railroad
 H. A. LUMSDEN, grocer, n side e of railroad
 W. P. KYLE, tinner, n side e of railroad
 Mrs. Florence VAN HORN, dressmaker, s side upstairs e depot
 S. E. COWANS, (col'd) lunch room, s side e railroad
 A. B. HOWLAND, O. K. Bakery, n side e railroad
 J. D. TAYLOR, salesman O. K. Bakery
 B. H. KUHLE & Co, shoe dealers, n side w of Orange
 A. CROSLY, shoemaker, n side w of Orange
 Mrs. E. A. CROSSLY, bakery & ice cream, w of Orange
 H. E. ROLLINS, barber, s side w of Orange
 W. G. WELCH, painter, s side w of Orange
 Hong KEE, laundry, s side w of Orange
 SLEMONS & TAYLOR, general merchandise, s w cor Church & Orange
 C. A. BOONE & Co, hardware, n e cor, Church & Orange
 John MI__R, tin shop, s e cor, Church & Orange
 C. O. SMITH, watchmaker, s side w of Orange
 L. C. SMITH, jeweler, s side e of Orange
 Mrs. F. W. WUERFEL, Franklin House - Intersect Court & Church
 C. Green, tailor
 E. IVES, grocer, n side of Orange
 Central House, Mrs. M. L. KOLLUCH, prop'r, n w cor Church & Court
 J. H. LIVINGSTON, real estate
 MACY Carriage and Wagon Factory, n w cor South & Hughes
 C. BEACHAM, orange grower, s w cor South & Hughes
 J. L. EMPIE, boat builder, n side, west of Hughes
 Ira COX, butcher, s side, west of Hughes
 Prince MCKNIGHT, (col'd) drayman, n side, west of Highey
 Virge KNIGHT, (col'd) laborer, n side, west of Hughes
 Richard CROOM, (col'd) laborer, s side, west of Hughes
 Sallie MCDANIEL, (col'd) washerwoman, s side, east of Division
 Amelia TERRY, (col'd) washerwoman, n side, east of Division
 Jonas MCKEE, (col'd) [laborer] n side, east of Division
 B. J. GOLDMINE, (col'd) drayman, ne cor South & Division
 Phebe GREEN, (col'd) cook, s e cor, South & Division
 Tony PEARCE, (col'd) drayman, s side, west of Division
 Willis HARRIS, (col'd) laborer, n side, west of Division
 J. J. LEE, laborer, n side, west of Division
 Margaret FISHER, n side, west of Division

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Some family trees have beautiful leaves,
and some have just a bunch of nuts.
Remember, it is the nuts that make the tree
worth shaking. - Unknown

